

As an operator of six radio stations in small markets, the expense of purchase and installing the proposed necessary recording equipment will be hardship for stations that are already operating on very thin margins (some at a loss and carried by other stations). For us, beyond the financial hardship, the the technical and staffing burden to ensure the equipment is operating properly presents an even more serious problem. Some of our stations operate with only one full time person. While I am personally in favor of steps to enforce indecent programming standards, the punitive attack against all stations for the indiscretions of a very few is not fair. I believe that the public interest is served by programming, not by forced recording of such programming the Commission, shifting the burden of enforcement to the licensees and possibly some First Amendment infringement as our on-air speech is chilled through the threat of governmental review.